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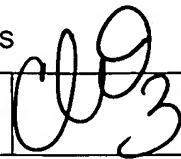
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/21/02 (app).
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 6,7,9,10,12 and 13 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-5,8,11 and 14-17 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 March 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc. An abstract on a separate sheet is required.

Claims 11 and 14-17 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim should refer to other claims in the alternative only and/or cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n).

Claims 3 is objected to because of the following informalities: The recitation in line 2 of "is inserted in it" is not clearly understood. Appropriate correction is required.

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 7/5/4 and 6/5/4/ are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for the embodiment of claim 7/5 in which the "cursor" includes an opening that can "become pervious" (figures 5-7) and the embodiment of claim 6/5 in which the openings are "permanently pervious" (figs. 1-2), does not reasonably provide enablement for an embodiment of invention as claimed in

claim 7/5/4 and 6/5/4 wherein each embodiment includes an opening which can “become pervious” and an embodiment in which the opening is “permanently pervious” and a “nonreturn valve element” as recited in claim 4.

Claims 9/8/4 and 10/9/8/4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for the embodiment of claim 9 including a tapered port 5' (figures 8-9) in the sidewall of the “cursor”, does not reasonably provide enablement for an embodiment of invention as claimed in claim 9/8 wherein the “cursor” includes the tapered port 5' of figures 8-9 and a “nonreturn valve element” as recited in claim 4.

Claims 12/4 and 13/12/4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for the embodiment of claim 12 including a “known flow regulator” (figures 12-13) in the “cursor”, does not reasonably provide enablement for an embodiment of invention as claimed in claim 12/4 wherein the “cursor” includes the “known flow regulator” of figures 12-13 and a “nonreturn valve element” as recited in claim 4.

The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. The specification fails to set forth any embodiment in which several of the features exclusive to any one distinct embodiment of the claimed invention is combinable with other features of other distinct embodiments.

Claims 1-2 are allowed.


Claims 3-17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, the objections under 37 CFR § 1.75(c) and the minor objections set forth in this Office action.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Rivell whose telephone number is (703) 308-2599. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thur. from 6:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Scherbel can be reached on (703) 308-1272. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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